

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed October 17, 2006 has been received and reviewed. Claims 5, 17, 20, 24 and 25 are pending. Claims 1-4, 6-16, 18-19, 21-23 and 26 were previously cancelled. Claims 17 and 20 are allowed. Claims 5 and 24 are rejected. Claim 25 is objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if written in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims.

Applicant has rewritten claim 5 to include the limitations of claim 25 deemed allowable by the Examiner, with the exception of the limitation "securing the probe within the securing member," which is not pertinent to the positioning and securing steps of claim 25 and lacks antecedent basis in the claim. Applicant has cancelled claims 24 and 25.

Applicant has added new claim 27. This claim consists of entirely of originally submitted claim 17 with the added limitations of originally submitted claim 21, both as amended in the April 11, 2006 Amendment and Response. Applicant has added further limitations that the monitoring port cap has a sealing element that includes "a *plurality* of turning recesses formed therein" (emphasis added) and that the cap tool for use in the installation of the monitoring port cap and having a configuration engageable with the turning recess of the sealing element includes "a *plurality* of turning pins corresponding in size and shape to the turning recesses of the monitoring port cap." Applicant submits that these new limitations, together with the other limitations in newly submitted claim 27, make claim 27 patentably distinct over Boyd et al.

Claims 17 and 20 are allowed. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 5 and newly submitted claim 27 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to resolve any questions or concerns.

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